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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1 relating to the licensing and regulation of speech-language pathologists  
2 and audiologists; providing penalties; and declaring an emergency.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS"

4 SECTION 1. PURPOSE. It is the policy of this state that in  
5 order to safeguard the public health, safety, and welfare and to  
6 protect the public from unprofessional conduct by speech-language  
7 pathologists and audiologists, it is necessary to provide regulatory  
8 authority over persons offering speech-language pathology and  
9 audiology services to the public.

10 SECTION 2. DEFINITIONS. In this Act:

11 (1) "Committee" means the State Committee of Examiners for  
12 Speech-Language Pathology and Audiology.

13 (2) "Person" means an individual, corporation, partnership,  
14 or other legal entity.

15 (3) "Speech-language pathologist" means an individual who  
16 practices speech-language pathology, who makes a nonmedical evaluation,  
17 who examines, counsels, or provides habilitative or rehabilitative  
18 services for persons who have or are suspected of having speech,  
19 voice, or language disorders, and who meets the qualifications set  
20 forth in this Act.

21 (4) "The practice of speech-language pathology" means the  
22 application of nonmedical principles, methods, and procedures  
23 for the measurement, testing, evaluation, prediction, counseling,  
24 habilitation, rehabilitation, or instruction related to the development  
25 and disorders of speech, voice, or language for the purpose of  
26 rendering or offering to render an evaluation, prevention, or  
27 modification of these disorders and conditions in individuals or  
28 groups of individuals. Speech-language pathologists may perform the  
29 basic audiometric screening tests and hearing therapy procedures  
30 consistent with their training.

1           (5) "Audiologist" means a person who practices audiology, who  
2 makes a nonmedical evaluation, who examines, counsels, or provides  
3 habilitative or rehabilitative services for persons who have or  
4 are suspected of having a hearing disorder, and who meets the  
5 qualifications set forth in this Act.

6           (6) "The practice of audiology" means the application of  
7 nonmedical principles, methods, and procedures for the measurement,  
8 testing, appraisal, prediction, consultation, counseling, habilitation,  
9 rehabilitation, or instruction related to hearing and disorders of  
10 hearing and for the purpose of rendering or offering to render services  
11 modifying communicative disorders involving speech, language, auditory  
12 function, or other aberrant behavior relating to hearing loss. An  
13 audiologist may engage in any tasks, procedures, acts, or practices  
14 that are necessary (A) for the evaluation of hearing; (B) for training  
15 in the use of amplification including hearing aids; or (C) for the  
16 making of earmolds for hearing aids. An audiologist may participate  
17 in consultation regarding noise control and hearing conservation,  
18 may provide evaluations of environment or equipment including  
19 calibration of equipment used in testing auditory functioning and  
20 hearing conservation, and may perform the basic speech and language  
21 screening tests and procedures consistent with his or her training.

22           (7) "Speech-language pathology aide" means a person who meets  
23 minimum qualifications which the committee may establish for speech-  
24 language pathology aides, and who works under the direction of a  
25 licensed speech-language pathologist. The qualifications for  
26 licensure as a speech-language pathology aide shall be uniform  
27 and shall be less than those established by this Act as necessary for  
28 licensure as a speech-language pathologist.

29           (8) "Audiology aide" means a person who meets minimum  
30 qualifications which the committee may establish for audiology aides,  
31 and who works under the direction of a licensed audiologist. The  
32 qualifications for licensure as an audiology aide shall be uniform  
33 and shall be less than those established by this Act as necessary  
34 for licensure as an audiologist.

35           SECTION 3. ADMINISTRATION. (a) The State Committee of

1     Examiners for Speech Pathology and Audiology is created within the  
2     Texas Department of Health. The committee consists of nine members  
3     appointed by the governor to take office on the effective date of  
4     this Act. Members of the committee shall have been residents of  
5     the State of Texas for two years immediately preceding appointment  
6     and shall be representative of varying geographic regions of the  
7     state and from varying employment settings. Seven members shall  
8     have been engaged in rendering services, teaching, or research in  
9     speech-language pathology or audiology for at least five years and  
10    shall meet the qualifications for licensure under this Act. Of  
11    these seven members, three members shall be audiologist, three members  
12    shall be speech-language pathologists, and one member shall be either  
13    a speech-language pathologist or audiologist. Except for the initial  
14    appointees, all seven shall hold valid licences under this Act. Two  
15    shall be public members, one of whom is a licensed physician board-  
16    certified in otolaryngology or pediatrics; the remaining public  
17    member, an interested citizen may not be a licensee of the committee  
18    or of any board under this division. The members of the committee  
19    shall serve until the expiration of the term to which they have  
20    been appointed or until their successors have qualified.

21        (b) The initial appointments shall be determined by lot as  
22    follows: three members are appointed for terms which expire January  
23    31, 1989, and three members are appointed for terms which expire  
24    January 31, 1991. After the initial appointments, members are  
25    appointed for terms of six years expiring on January 31 of odd-  
26    numbered years.

27        (c) The committee shall organize annually and select a chair-  
28    person who, except for the initial chairperson, shall hold a valid  
29    license under this Act, a vice-chairperson, and a secretary-treasurer.  
30    The initial chairperson shall be one who meets the qualifications for  
31    licensing under this Act.

32        (d) Five members of the committee constitute a quorum to do  
33    business.

34        (e) No person may be appointed to serve more than two consecutive  
35    terms.

36        (f) The committee shall hold at least one regular meeting each

1 year at which time an examination as defined in Section 12 of this  
2 Act, shall be offered. Additional meetings may be held on the call  
3 of the chairperson or at the written request of any three members of  
4 the committee. At least 14 days advance notice of committee meetings  
5 is required.

6 SECTION 4. DUTIES AND POWERS. (a) The committee shall administer,  
7 coordinate, and enforce the provisions of this Act, evaluate the  
8 qualifications of applicants, and provide for the examination of  
9 applicants. The committee may issue subpoenas, examine witnesses, and  
10 administer oaths under the state laws of Texas, and it shall investigate  
11 persons engaging in practices that violate the provisions of this  
12 Act, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Health.

13 (b) The committee shall conduct hearings and keep records and  
14 minutes necessary to an orderly dispatch of the administration of  
15 this Act, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Health.

16 (c) The committee shall adopt reasonable rules commensurate  
17 with the provisions of this Act, including rules that establish  
18 ethical standards of practice, and the committee may amend or repeal  
19 the rules adopted by it, all subject to the approval of the Commissioner  
20 of Health.

21 (d) A person who holds a license to practice speech-language  
22 pathology or audiology in this state is governed and controlled by  
23 the rules adopted by the committee and approved by the Commissioner  
24 of Health.

25 (e) The conferral or enumeration of specific powers elsewhere  
26 in this Act shall not be construed as a limitation of the general  
27 powers conferred by this section.

28 (f) The committee shall be represented by the attorney general  
29 and the district and county attorneys of this state.

30 (g) Officers and employees directly responsible for handling  
31 money paid to the committee shall execute a performance bond as  
32 required by the committee. The premium for the bond shall be paid  
33 from committee funds.

34 (h) The committee may appoint subcommittees to work under its  
35 jurisdiction, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Health.

1           SECTION 5.   COMPENSATION AND PAYMENT OF EXPENSES OF COMMITTEE.

2           (a)   The committee members receive no compensation for their services,  
3           but they may receive reimbursement for actual expenses incurred in  
4           the administration of theis Act.

5           (b)   All expenses incurred by the committee in the administration  
6           of the provisions of this Act shall be paid by warrants drawn on the  
7           State Treasury by the comptroller when vouchers for expenses approved  
8           by the committee are submitted to the comptroller.

9           SECTION 6.   EMPLOYEES OF THE COMMITTEE.   The Texas Department  
10          of Health shall provide such administrative and clerical employees  
11          as are necessary to carry out the provisions of this Act, with such  
12          employees being under the supervision and control of the committee.

13          SECTION 7.   SEAL AND AUTHENTICATION OF RECORDS.   The committee  
14          shall adopt a seal by which it shall authenticate it proceedings.  
15          Copies of the proceedings, records, and acts of the committee and  
16          certificates purporting to relate the facts concerning the proceedings,  
17          records, and acts, signed by the secretary-treasurer and authenticated  
18          by the seal, are prima facie evidence in all courts of this state.

19          SECTION 8.   LICENSING AND REGULATION OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS  
20          AND AUDIOLOGISTS.   (a)   Licenses shall be granted either in speech-  
21          language pathology or audiology independently.   Persons may be licensed  
22          in both areas if they meet the qualifications.

23          (b)   No persons may practice or represent themselves as speech-  
24          language pathologists or audiologists in this state after December 31,  
25          1983, unless they are licensed in accordance with the provisions of  
26          this Act.

27          (c)   Any violation of this subsection shall constitute a deceptive  
28          trade practice.

29          SECTION 9.   PERSONS AND PRACTICES NOT AFFECTED.   (a)   This Act  
30          does not prevent qualified persons licensed in this state under  
31          another law from engaging in the profession for which they are licensed.

32          (b)   This Act does not prevent or restrict the activities and  
33          services and the use of an official title by persons holding a valid  
34          and current certification in speech and hearing therapy from the  
35          Texas Education Agency if those persons perform speech-language  
36          pathology or audiology services solely as a part of their duties

1 within an agency, institution, or organization under the jurisdiction  
2 of the Texas Education Agency. If persons affected by this subsection  
3 perform work as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist apart  
4 from their positions within an agency, institution, or organization  
5 of the Texas Education Agency, they must have a license issued by the  
6 committee, except that a person affected by this subsection may perform  
7 speech and hearing screening procedures without compensation without  
8 having a license issued by the committee.

9 (c) This Act does not restrict the activities and services  
10 of students or interns pursuing a course of study leading to a  
11 degree in speech-language pathology at a college or university  
12 accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities or  
13 its equivalent, provided that these activities and services constitute  
14 a part of their supervised course of study or internship year, that  
15 they are supervised by a person licensed under this Act, and that  
16 they are designated by a title such as "Speech-Language Pathology  
17 Intern" or "Speech-Language Pathology Trainee" or other title clearly  
18 indicating the training status appropriate to their level of training.

19 (d) This Act does not restrict activities and services of  
20 students or interns in audiology pursuing a course of study leading  
21 to a degree in audiology at a college or university accredited by  
22 the Southern Association of Colleges and Universities or its equivalent,  
23 provided that these activities and services constitute a part of  
24 their supervised course of study or internship year, that they are  
25 supervised by a person licensed under this Act, and that they are  
26 designated by a title such as "Audiology Intern" or "Audiology Trainee"  
27 or other title clearly indicating the training status appropriate to  
28 his level of training.

29 (e) This Act does not restrict the performance of speech-language  
30 pathology or audiology services in this state by a person not a  
31 resident of this state who is not licensed under this Act, if the  
32 services are performed for no more than five days in a calendar  
33 year and if the person meets the qualifications and requirements  
34 for application for licensure under this Act.

1           (f) This Act does not restrict the use of an official title  
2 by an individual teaching in a university or college training program,  
3 provided that the person is not engaged in the practice of speech-  
4 language pathology or audiology and does not supervise persons  
5 engaged in the practice of speech-language pathology or audiology.

6           (g) This Act does not permit a person to perform an act that  
7 would be in violation of Article 4510, Revised Civil Statutes of  
8 Texas, 1925, as amended. This Act does not permit a person to  
9 provide medical or surgical diagnosis or treatment of laryngeal or  
10 ear disorders.

11           (h) Nothing in this Act shall be construed as restricting or  
12 preventing a physician or surgeon from engaging in the practice  
13 of medicine in this state. This Act does not restrict speech or  
14 hearing testing or evaluation conducted by a licensed physician and  
15 surgeon.

16           (i) This Act does not apply to persons employed by the Texas  
17 Department of Health in its programs concerned with hearing or  
18 speech services as long as they are performing duties under the  
19 jurisdiction of the Texas Department of Health.

20           (j) This Act does not apply to a person who shows evidence of  
21 having received training by the Texas Department of Health in one  
22 of the hearing screening training programs approved by that agency,  
23 provided that all activities performed under this exception shall  
24 be limited to screening of hearing sensitivity.

25           (k) This Act does not license a person to sell hearing aids  
26 as defined in Chapter 366, Acts of the 61st Legislature, Regular  
27 Session, 1969 (Article 4566-1.01, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes),  
28 unless the person has been issued a license to engage in the selling  
29 of hearing aids by the Texas Board of Examiners in the Fitting and  
30 Dispensing of Hearing Aids.

31           (l) This Act does not prevent or restrict a person licensed by  
32 the Texas Board of Examiners in the Fitting and Dispensing of Hearing  
33 Aids from engaging in the practice of fitting and dispensing hearing  
34 aids as defined in Chapter 366, Acts of the 61st Legislature, Regular  
35 Session, 1969 (Article 4566-1.01, Vernon's Texas Civil Statutes).

1           (m) This Act does not prevent persons in an industrial setting  
2 from engaging in hearing testing as a part of a hearing conservation  
3 program in compliance with regulations of the Occupational Safety  
4 and Health Administration, provided that such persons are certified  
5 by an agency acceptable to the Occupational Safety and Health Admini-  
6 stration.

7           (n) This Act does not prevent or restrict speech or hearing  
8 sensitivity screening evaluations conducted by registered nurses  
9 licensed by the laws of this state and practicing in accordance with  
10 the standards of professional conduct and eithics promulgated by  
11 the rules and regulations of the Board of Nurse Examiners.

12           SECTION 10. QUALIFICATION OF APPLICANTS FOR LICENSE. To be  
13 eligible for licensing as a speech-language pathologist or audiologist,  
14 an applicant must:

15           (1) Possess at least a master's degree with a major in speech-  
16 language pathology or audiology from an accredited or approved college  
17 or university;

18           (2) submit transcripts from one or more colleges or universities  
19 showing successful completion of coursework, in amounts set by the  
20 Board, in the following areas:

21           (a) information about normal development and use of speech,  
22 language and hearing,

23           (b) information about evaluation, habilitation, and rehabilitation  
24 of speech, language and hearing disorders,

25           (c) information pertaining to related fields that augment the  
26 work of clinical practitioners of speech-language pathology and  
27 audiology,

28           (3) have successfully completed at least 30 semester hours in  
29 courses that are acceptable toward a graduate degree by the college  
30 or university in which they are taken, at least 21 of which are  
31 within the professional area for which the license is requested and  
32 at least 6 of which are in audiology for the applicant for a speech-  
33 language pathology license or in speech-language pathology for the  
34 applicant for a license in audiology,

35           (4) have completed a minimum of 300 clock hours of supervised  
36 clinical experience with individuals who present a variety of



1 of communication disorders, and this experience must have been  
2 obtained within his or her training institution or in one of its  
3 cooperating programs and under the supervision of a person holding  
4 a valid license to practice speech-language pathology or audiology;

5 (5) have obtained the equivalent of nine months of full-time  
6 supervised professional experience in which bona fide clinical work  
7 has been accomplished in the major professional area for which the  
8 license is being sought, under the supervision of a qualified person  
9 acceptable to the Board and must have begun after completion of the  
10 academic and clinical experience required by this section.

11 SECTION 11. APPLICATION FOR LICENSE. Each person desiring a  
12 license under this Act shall make application to the committee on a  
13 form and in the manner the committee prescribes. The application  
14 shall be accompanied by the application fee which may not be refunded  
15 by the committee.

16 SECTION 12. EXAMINATION. (a) Each applicant shall be examined  
17 by the committee and shall pay to the committee, at least 30 days  
18 prior to the date of examination, an examination fee prescribed by  
19 the committee which is not refunded. The examination shall be given  
20 at least twice each year at a time and place established by and  
21 under the supervision of the committee.

22 (b) The committee may examine by written or oral examination  
23 or by both. The committee shall maintain a record of all examination  
24 scores for at least two years after the date of examination.

25 (c) Standards for acceptable performance shall be determined  
26 by the committee.

27 (d) The committee may examine in whatever theoretical or applied  
28 fields of speech-language pathology or audiology it deems appropriate.  
29 It may examine the candidates with regard to their professional skills  
30 and their judgment in the utilization of speech-language pathology  
31 or audiology techniques or methods.

32 (e) Persons who fail the examination may be examined at a  
33 subsequent time if they pay another application and examination fee.  
34 No applicant who has taken and failed to pass two examinations may  
35 take the examination until that person has presented evidence to

1 the committee of additional study in the area for which licensure  
2 is sought.

3 (f) The committee may waive the examination for applicants who:

4 (1) present proof of current licensure in another state,  
5 including the District of Columbia, or territory of the United States  
6 which maintains professional standards considered by the committee to  
7 be equivalent to those set forth in this Act; or

8 (2) hold the Certificate of Clinical Competence of the American  
9 Speech-Language Hearing Association in the area for which a license  
10 is being sought.

11 SECTION 13. LICENSING UNDER SPECIAL CONDITIONS. (a) The  
12 committee, on request, must waive educational, professional experience,  
13 and examination requirements for licensure in speech-language pathology  
14 for applicants who hold a baccalaureate or graduate degree, are fully  
15 certified by the Texas Education Agency in speech and hearing therapy  
16 or in the judgment of the committee have met equivalent requirements,  
17 and within two years prior to the effective date of this Act were  
18 engaged in the practice of speech pathology on proof of bona fide  
19 practice of speech pathology, presented to the committee in the  
20 manner prescribed by the committee's rules, provided they file an  
21 application for licensure with the committee or the Commissioner of  
22 Health within 90 days from the effective date of this Act. Such  
23 licenses shall be issued without delay and shall be renewed in the  
24 same manner as licenses granted under other provisions of this Act.

25 (b) The committee, on request, shall waive educational,  
26 professional experience, and examination requirements for licensure  
27 in audiology for applicants who, on the effective date of this Act,  
28 hold a baccalaureate or graduate degree and have successfully  
29 completed 21 semester hours of course work in audiology, and are  
30 engaged in the practice of audiology on proof of bona fide practice  
31 of audiology presented to the committee in the manner prescribed by  
32 the committee's rules, provided they file an application for licensure  
33 with the committee or the Commissioner of Health within 90 days from  
34 the effective date of this Act.

35 (c) The committee may waive the examination and grant licensure

1 to an applicant who presents proof of current licensure in another  
2 state, including the District of Columbia, or territory of the United  
3 States which maintains professional standards considered by the  
4 committee to be equivalent to those set forth in this Act.

5 (d) The committee may waive the examination and grant licensure  
6 to an applicant who holds the Certificate of Clinical Competence of  
7 the American Speech-Language Hearing Association or has met equivalent  
8 requirements in the area for which a license is sought.

9 SECTION 14. ISSUANCE OF LICENSE. (a) The committee shall issue  
10 a license to an applicant who meets the requirements of this Act and  
11 who pays to the committee the initial license fee.

12 (b) A temporary certificate of registration may be applied for  
13 by a person who fulfills the requirements of Section 10 of this Act  
14 and who has not previously applied to take the examination provided  
15 under Section 12 of this Act.

16 (c) On receiving an application provided for under Subsection (b)  
17 of this section accompanied by the application fee, the committee shall  
18 issue a temporary certificate of registration which entitles the  
19 applicant to practice audiology or speech-language pathology for  
20 a period ending eight weeks after the conclusion of the next  
21 examination given after the date of issue.

22 SECTION 15. RENEWAL OF LICENSE. (a) Each licensed speech-  
23 language pathologist or audiologist shall annually on or before  
24 January 30 pay to the committee a fee for a renewal of his license.  
25 a 30-day grace period shall be allowed after January 30. After  
26 expiration of the grace period, the committee may renew each license  
27 after payment of a penalty set by the committee. No person who  
28 applies for renewal within two years after the date of expiration of  
29 the license may be required to submit to an examination as a condition  
30 to renewal.

31 (b) Persons who fail to renew their license within two years  
32 after the date of its expiration may not renew it, and it may not  
33 be restored, reissued, or reinstated thereafter, but those persons  
34 may apply for and obtain a new license if they meet the requirements  
35 of this Act.

1 (c) Within three years of the effective date of this Act,  
2 renewal of a license is contingent on the applicant's meeting  
3 uniform continuing education requirements established by the  
4 committee. These continuing education requirements must be of  
5 such a nature that they can be met without necessitating an  
6 extended absence from the licensee's county of residence. Notice  
7 of continuing education requirements shall be sent to all persons  
8 licensed under this Act at least 12 months prior to the time that  
9 the person's license renewal is dependent on completion of the  
10 requirements. Continuing education requirements shall be sent to  
11 new applicants with the forms on which they are to apply for  
12 licensure. Notification of changes in continuing education require-  
13 ments shall be sent to persons licensed under this Act at least  
14 one year prior to the date on which the new requirements become  
15 effective.

16 (d) A suspended license is subject to expiration and may be  
17 renewed as provided in this Act, but the renewal does not entitle  
18 the licensee, while the license remains suspended and until it is  
19 reinstated, to engage in the licensed activity or in any other  
20 activity or conduct in violation of the order or judgment by which  
21 the license was suspended. A license revoked on disciplinary  
22 grounds is subject to expiration as provided in this Act, but it  
23 may not be renewed. If it is reinstated after its expiration, the  
24 licensee, as a condition of reinstatement shall pay a reinstatement  
25 fee in an amount equal to the renewal fee in effect on the last  
26 preceding regular renewal date before the date on which it is  
27 reinstated, plus the delinquency fee, if any, accrued at the time  
28 of the license revocation.

29 (e) All licenses expire and become invalid one year from the  
30 date of issuance if not renewed.

31 SECTION 16. FEES. The amount of fees initially prescribed in  
32 connection with a license as a speech-language pathologist or  
33 audiologist shall not exceed the following:

34 (1) Application fee: \$50

35 (2) Examination fee: \$25

- 1       (3) Initial license fee: \$50
- 2       (4) License renewal fee: \$50
- 3       (5) Delinquency fee: \$25
- 4       (6) Temporary license fee: \$15
- 5       (7) Duplicate license fee: \$10

6       The committee shall adjust the amount of the fees so that the total  
7       fees collected shall be sufficient to meet the expenses of adminis-  
8       tering this Act and so that unnecessary surpluses in the fund  
9       provided for in Section 20 of this Act are avoided.

10       SECTION 17. DENIAL, SUSPENSION, AND REVOCATION. (a) The  
11       committee may refuse to issue a license to an applicant or may  
12       suspend or revoke the license of any licensee for any of the following  
13       causes:

- 14       (1) obtaining a license by means of fraud, misrepresentation,  
15       or concealment of material facts;
- 16       (2) selling, bartering, or offering to sell or barter a license  
17       or certificate of registration;
- 18       (3) unprofessional conduct that has endangered or is likely  
19       to endanger the health, welfare, or safety of the public as defined  
20       by the rules established by the committee, or violation of the code  
21       of ethics adopted and published by the committee;
- 22       (4) violating any lawful order or rule rendered or adopted by  
23       the committee; or
- 24       (5) violating any provisions of this Act.

25       (b) The committee shall deny an application for, or suspend  
26       or revoke, or impose probationary conditions on, a license as  
27       ordered by the committee in any decision made after hearing as  
28       provided in this Act. One year from the date of revocation of a  
29       license under this Act, application may be made to the committee for  
30       reinstatement. The committee shall have discretion to accept or  
31       reject an application for reinstatement and may require an examination  
32       for the reinstatement.

33       (c) A plea or verdict of guilty or a conviction following a  
34       plea of nolo contendere made to a charge of a felony or of an  
35       offense involving moral turpitude is deemed to be a conviction  
36       within the meaning of this Act. At the direction of the committee

1       opposing or adverse witnesses.

2       (e) The committee shall determine the charges on their merits  
3       and enter an order in a permanent record setting forth the findings  
4       of fact and law and the action taken. A copy of the order of the  
5       committee shall be mailed to the applicant or licensee at his or  
6       her last known address by certified mail.

7       (f) An individual whose application for a license has been  
8       refused or whose license has been cancelled, revoked, or suspended  
9       by the committee may take an appeal, within 20 days after the  
10      order is entered, to any district court of Travis County or to any  
11      district court of the county of his or her residence.

12      (g) A case reviewed under the provisions of this section proceeds  
13      in the district court by trial de novo in the same manner as an  
14      appeal to the county court from the justice of the peace court.

15      (h) In all appeals prosecuted in any of the courts of this state  
16      pursuant to the provisions of this Act, such trials shall be de novo  
17      as that term is used and understood in appeals from justice of the  
18      peace courts to county courts. Under no circumstances shall the  
19      substantial evidence rule as interpreted and applied by the courts  
20      in Texas in other case ever be used or applied to appeals prosecuted  
21      under the provisions of this Act.

22      SECTION 20. DISPOSITION OF FUNDS RECEIVED. (a) All funds  
23      received by the committee under this Act shall be paid to the  
24      secretary-treasurer of the committee. All money shall be deposited  
25      in the State Treasury in a separate fund to be known as the speech-  
26      language pathology and audiology fund.

27      (b) All expenses for the administration of the Act shall be paid  
28      from fees collected by the committee under this Act, and fees paid  
29      to the speech-language pathology and audiology fund are allocated  
30      to the committee for that purpose.

31      (c) Funds shall be appropriated to the committee for the  
32      implementation of this Act, said funds coming from the General  
33      Revenue Fund for the first year.

34      SECTION 21. REVENUE. The committee shall report to the state

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

relating to the licensing and regulation of speech-language pathologists and audiologists; providing penalties; and declaring an emergency.

MAR 9 1983

1. Filed with the Chief Clerk.

MAR 23 1983

2. Read first time and Referred to Committee on

State Affairs

3. Reported favorably (as amended) and sent to Printer at \_\_\_\_\_  
(as substituted)

4. Printed and distributed at \_\_\_\_\_

5. Sent to Committee on Calendars at \_\_\_\_\_

6. Read second time (amended); passed to third reading (failed) by (Non-Record Vote)  
(Record Vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_\_\_ present, not voting).

7. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H.B. \_\_\_\_\_ was ordered  
engrossed prevailed (failed) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas,  
\_\_\_\_\_ nays, and \_\_\_\_\_ present, not voting).

8. Constitutional Rule requiring bills to be read on three several days suspended (failed  
to suspend) by a four-fifths vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, and \_\_\_\_\_  
present, not voting.

9. Read third time (amended); finally passed (failed) by (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote  
of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_\_\_ present, not voting).

10. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

11. Motion to reconsider and table the vote by which H. B. \_\_\_\_\_ was finally passed  
prevailed (failed) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record Vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_  
nays, and \_\_\_\_\_ present, not voting).

12. Ordered Engrossed at \_\_\_\_\_

13. Engrossed.

14. Returned to Chief Clerk at \_\_\_\_\_

15. Sent to Senate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief Clerk of the House

16. Received from the House

17. Read, referred to Committee on \_\_\_\_\_

18. Reported favorably

19. Reported adversely, with favorable Committee Substitute; Committee Substitute read  
first time.

20. Ordered not printed.

21. Regular order of business suspended by  
(a viva voce vote.)  
(\_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays.)

\_\_\_\_\_ 22. To permit consideration, reading and passage, Senate and Constitutional Rules suspended by vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays.

\_\_\_\_\_ 23. Read second time \_\_\_\_\_ passed to third reading by:  
(a viva voce vote.)  
( \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays.)

\_\_\_\_\_ 24. Caption ordered amended to conform to body of bill.

\_\_\_\_\_ 25. Senate and Constitutional 3-Day Rules suspended by vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas,  
\_\_\_\_\_ nays to place bill on third reading and final passage.

\_\_\_\_\_ 26. Read third time and passed by  
(a viva voce vote.)  
( \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays.)

OTHER ACTION: OTHER ACTION:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary of the Senate

\_\_\_\_\_ 27. Returned to the House.

\_\_\_\_\_ 28. Received from the Senate (with amendments.)  
(as substituted.)

\_\_\_\_\_ 29. House (Concurred) (Refused to Concur) in Senate (Amendments) by a (Non-Record  
(Substitute) Vote) (Record Vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, \_\_\_\_\_ present,  
not voting).

\_\_\_\_\_ 30. Conference Committee Ordered.

\_\_\_\_\_ 31. Conference Committee Report Adopted (Rejected) by a (Non-Record Vote) (Record  
Vote of \_\_\_\_\_ yeas, \_\_\_\_\_ nays, and \_\_\_\_\_ present, not voting).

\_\_\_\_\_ 32. Ordered Enrolled at \_\_\_\_\_